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## Banks.

### HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, 5,000,000 Dollars.  
RESERVE FUND, 1,200,000 Dollars.

#### COUNCIL OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman—F. D. SARBOON, Esq.  
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#### INTEREST ALLOWED.

ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

For Fixed Deposits:—  
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.  
" 6 " 4 " " "  
" 12 " 5 " " "

#### LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation, No. 1, Queen's Road East.

Hongkong, November 26, 1878.

### ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

#### RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON FIXED DEPOSITS.

At 3 months' notice 8 per annum.  
" 6 " " 4 " " "  
" 12 " " 5 " " "

On Current Accounts at Rates which can be ascertained at their Office.

D. A. J. CROMBIE, Acting Manager.

Oriental Bank Corporation, Hongkong, November 23, 1878.

### CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

CAPITAL, 2800,000.  
RESERVE FUND, 2180,000.

Bankers.

THE BANK OF ENGLAND.

THE CITY BANK.

NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

THE BANK'S BRANCH in Hongkong grants Drafts on London and the Chief Commercial places in Europe and the East; buys and receives for collection Bills of Exchange; and conducts all kinds of Banking and Exchange Business.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.

On CURRENT ACCOUNTS, 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

On FIXED DEPOSITS.

For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.

" 6 " 4 " " "

" 12 " 5 " " "

## For Sale.

### FOR SALE.

FINE NEW FIGS, direct from Smyrna.

Brazil and Barcelona NUTS.

LETTS'S DIARIES for 1879.

Central and Pin Fire CARTRIDGE CASES.

CLOTH and FELT GUN-WADS.

American PARLOUR and COOKING STOVES.

COAL SCUTTLES, new designs.

FENDERS and FIRE IRONS.

COCOA MATTING.

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DOOR MATS.

California LAMBSWOOL BLANKETS.

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REP and other TABLE COVERS, Fancy Patterns.

TABLE LINEN. FINE TURKISH TOWELS.

LINEN SHEETING. PILLOW LINEN.

GREEN and MARONE REP.

FLANNEL SHIRTINGS.

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CLOTH TROWSER LENGTHS, Assorted Patterns.

ALBUMS, in great variety.

CRUMB BRUSHES and TRAYS.

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VEYRON'S AUTOMATIC COFFEE MACHINES.

COFFEE ROASTERS. TREMBLING CALL BELLS.

IMPERIAL TRACING CLOTH.

DESSERT, DINNER and BREAK-FAST SERVICES.

TABLE GLASSWARE, of every Description.

FOLDING CHAIRS.

CIGARS, CIGARETTES.

KELLY'S FAMOUS OUT TOBACCOS.

HOUSEHOLD STORES, of every Description.

CLARET in Cases. MALT. HOPS.

CAUSTIC SODA, CANADIAN POTASH.

CARBOLIC ACID. CHLORIDE OF LIME, &c., &c., &c.

LANMERT, ATKINSON & CO.

Hongkong, November 16, 1878.

## FOR SALE.

(IN ORDER TO EFFECT CLEARANCE OF AN INVOICE.)

GENUINE DUE DE MONTEBELLO CHAMPAGNE.

In Good Condition, at the following Greatly Reduced Prices.

For Case 1 Doz. Quarts, \$13.

" 2 " Pints, \$14.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Hongkong, November 13, 1878. del3

## NOW READY.

A CHINESE DICTIONARY IN THE CANTONESE DIALECT. Parts I and II, A to M, with Introduction. Royal 8vo., pp. 404. By ERNEST JOHN EITEL, Ph.D. Tubingen.

Price: FIVE DOLLARS, or TWO DOLLARS AND A HALF per Part.

To be had from Messrs. LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., Hongkong and Shanghai; and Messrs. KELLY & WALSH, Shanghai.

Hongkong, March 1, 1878.

## NOTICE.

COKE AND TAR FOR SALE.

IN QUANTITIES TO SUIT PURCHASERS.

Apply at the GAS WORKS, West Point.

A. NEWTON, Manager.

Hongkong, November 5, 1878. del3

## AFONG,

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by appointment, to

H. E. SIR ARTHUR KENNEDY, H. E. ADMIRAL ALFRED P. RYDER, and to H. E. THE GRAND DUCHE ALEXIS OF RUSSIA.

THE Spacious Premises being built especially for the production of Portraiture and fitted up as to command the best light throughout all the Hours of the Day is Open from 8 o'clock a.m. until 5 o'clock p.m. under the personal Management of D. K. Griffith, who has introduced all the latest novelties.

ENLARGEMENTS AND REDUCTIONS.

In a Superior Style at Moderate Charges.

Studio, QUEEN'S ROAD, Nearly opposite The Hongkong Hotel.

Hongkong, September 19, 1878.

## For Sale.

### CHRISTMAS STORES

—AND— PRESENTS.

PLUM PUDDINGS. CHRISTMAS CAKES. MINCEMEAT. SMYRNA FIGS. ELVAS PLUMS. CRYSTALLISED FRUITS. DRAGEES.

French and English BONBONS. CHOCOLATE for DESSERT. ASSORTED COCAQUES. TELEPHONE CRACKERS. CONFERENCE CRACKERS. AQUARIUM CRACKERS.

French and English TOYS. MECHANICAL TOYS. DOLLS, in latest Parisian Costumes. SWIMMING DOLLS. DOLLS' PORTMANTEAUX. DANCING and WALKING DOLLS. PUNCH and JUDY SHOW. ROCKING HORSES. MUSICAL BOXES. TEA and DINNER SETS. NOAH'S ARKS. WHEELBARROWS. GUNS and SWORDS. SPADES and PAILS. BARREL RGANS. FRENCH ALBUMS. LADIES' DRESSING CASES. GLOVE and HANDKERCHIEF BOXES. WORK BASKETS and BOXES. LADIES' COMPANIONS. PHOTOGRAPH FRAMES. CARD RECEIVERS. STATUETTES. Bohemian FLOWER VASES. PHAROAH WRITING CABINETS. SCENT CASES in Velvet and Crystal. RUSSIA POCKET BOOKS. MOROCCO CIGAR CASES. Electro-Plated SCISSORS in Cases. BIBLES. PAINT BOXES, Fitted. TOILET BOTTLES and VASES. ANEROIDS. CROCODILE SCENT CASES. CIGAR BOXES. WRITING DESKS. MEERSCHAUM PIPES. LATEST DESIGNS in Electro-Plated WARE. MARK TWAIN'S SCRAP BOOKS. PARTAGA'S HAVANA CIGARS. &c., &c., &c.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Hongkong, November 20, 1878.

## Auctions.

### PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned will sell by Public Auction, at Mr. E. PARANEY'S Godown, on

### SATURDAY,

the 7th Instant, 1878, at Noon, 2 Chests MALWA OPIUM, Ex Str. "Geelong."

(More or less damaged by sea water.) (On account of the concerned.)

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7.

H. N. MODY, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, December 4, 1878. del3

### PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions from Messrs. BIRLEY & Co. to sell by Public Auction, by Order of the Mortgagees, on or about the 20th JANUARY, 1879, the last Class IRON SCREW STEAMSHIP "AMERICA,"

of 563 Tons Net Register, Built in 1873 by Messrs. J. and R. SWAN, of Dumbarton, and Engineed by Messrs. Ton and McGregor, of Glasgow, with Compound Vertical Direct Acting Surface Condensing Engines of 90 Horse-Power (nominal), working up to 450 H.-P. effectual; Consumption of Coal (Cardiff), about 8 Tons; Speed, about 8 Knots; Capacity of Bunkers, 180 Tons; Diameter of Cylinders, 25 and 48 inches; Boiler Multitubular; Length 210 feet 3 in.; Breadth, extreme, 26 feet 7 in.; Depth of Hold, Tonnage Deck to Ceiling, 20 feet 9 in.; Spar Deck, Deck to Deck, 6 feet 7 in.; Draft, light, 9 feet; Loaded, 17 feet; D. W. Capacity, including Bunkers, 1,100 Tons, or 16,800 Piculs exclusive of Bunkers; Class, Lloyd's 90-A1; Water Ballast; Tween Decks laid; 3 Steam Winches, and HARRFIELD'S Patent Windlass; Saloon amidships for 10 Cabin Passengers and Cabin aft, for 8. Bunkers refitted in Hongkong in June, and the Hull and Machinery now in first class order.

Spare Engine Gear and Coal to be SOLD SEPARATELY.

For further Particulars, apply to Messrs. BIRLEY & Co., or the AUCTIONEERS, where Inventory and Plan of the Vessel can be seen.

TERMS OF SALE.—Half Cash on-fall of the hammer. The Balance on completion of Transfer, expenses of which are to be borne by the Purchaser. The Ship and Inventory, with all faults and errors of description, to be at the Purchaser's risk at fall of the hammer.

HUGHES & LEGGIE, Auctioneers.

Hongkong, November 19, 1878. del3

## Intimations.

### NOTICE.

G. FALCONER & Co. beg to announce that, during DECEMBER and JANUARY Next, they will offer their Large and Magnificent Stock of JEWELLERY, WATCHES, CLOCKS, SILVER and ELECTRO-PLATE, &c., &c., Considerably under the Usual Prices.

Shortly expected from England: an Elegant ASSORTMENT of SILVER CUPS, suitable for REGATTA or RACE MEETINGS.

Hongkong, November 26, 1878. del3

### MOORE & Co.

"VARIETY STORE," NEWS AGENTS AND TOBACCONISTS.

No. 42, Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, September 10, 1878.

### HONGKONG WHARF & GODOWNS STORAGE.

GOODS RECEIVED ON STORAGE at Moderate Rates, in FIRST-CLASS GODOWNS, under European supervision; and VESSELS Discharged alongside the WHARF, on favorable Terms, with quick despatch.

MEYER & Co., Proprietors.

Hongkong, November 20, 1878. my29

### DENTAL NOTICE.

DR. ROGERS has Returned and is now Ready to RECEIVE PATIENTS at No. 7, ARBUTHNOT ROAD.

Hongkong, November 23, 1878.

### NOTICE.

FROM the 1st of OCTOBER, DE EASTLAKE will receive his PATIENTS at his new DENTAL ROOMS, No. 50, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, over the MEDICAL HALL.

Hongkong, September 23, 1878.

### LOST.

LAST NIGHT, on the QUEEN'S ROAD, or in the CITY HALL, a CHINESE GOLD LOCKET, containing a Photograph. The Finder will please communicate with the Office of this Paper, when a Reward will be given if necessary.

Hongkong, November 30, 1878.

### WANTED.

EMPLOYMENT OF ANY KIND: temporary or otherwise, at moderate remuneration, by an efficient ACCOUNTANT and CORRESPONDENT. Best references.

Address: "O. G. B." China Mail Office.

Hongkong, December 9, 1878. del3

## Notices of Firms.

### NOTICE.

THE Undersigned being about to Close his Firm at Swatow, hereby notifies that all DEBTS and CLAIMS due to or by him, he will Collect and Pay. The Interest and Good will of his Business has been transferred to Messrs DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

E. VINCENT.

Hongkong, November 30, 1878.

### NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given, that Messrs DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co. have This Day Established a BRANCH of their Firm at Swatow, and have authorized Mr G. D. PITMAN to Sign per Procuration.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

Hongkong, November 30, 1878.

### NOTICE.

I HAVE This Day established myself as GENERAL and SHARE BROKER.

CARL DENEKE.

Office, Bank Buildings, Hongkong, December 3, 1878.

### COMPAGNIE DES MESSEAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

HONGKONG AGENCY.

FROM This Date until further notice, Mr L. HENNEQUIN will assume the Management of the Company's Office at this Port.

H. DE POUREY, Agent.

Hongkong, November 1, 1878.

### NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr ARTHUR CHART in our Firm CEASED on the 31st December last.

J. INGLIS & Co.

Hongkong, June 18, 1878. del3

### NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of the Undersigned in the Chinese Mail, 華字日報 (Wah Tze Yat Po), CEASED from the 1st August, 1877, but Debts prior to that Date will be received and paid by him.

OHUN AYIN.

Hongkong, April 6, 1878.

### NOTICE.

IN Reference to the above, the Undersigned has LEASED the Chinese Mail from the 1st August, 1877, and has engaged the services of Mr LEONG YOOK CHUN, as Translator and General Manager of the newspaper, which under its new régime will be found to be, as hitherto, an excellent medium for advertising, especially as the Manager is able to devote his whole attention to the conduct of the Newspaper.

KONG CHIM, Lessee of the Hongkong Chinese Mail.

Hongkong, April 6, 1878.

## Shipping.

### Steamers.

FOR SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA AND HIOGO.

The Steamship "CYPHRENE" will be despatched for the above Ports on SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

For Freight or Passage, apply to ADAMSON, BELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, December 5, 1878. del7

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.

The Steamship "YESSO," Capt. S. ASHTON, will be despatched for the above Ports on SUNDAY, the 8th Instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

Hongkong, December 5, 1878. del8

### AUSTRALASIAN STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

FOR PORT DARWIN (DIRECT).

The Chartered Steamship "KILLARNEY," Captain O'NEIL, will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 9th Instant, at 8 p.m



## Entertainment.

THEATRE ROYAL,  
CITY HALL,  
HONGKONG.TO-MORROW EVENING,  
December 7th, 1878.

FIRST APPEARANCE OF  
MR. H. VERNON,  
Since his Severe Indisposition.

THE OPERA SEASON BEING  
FINISHED,  
MR. JOHN ROLLINGS  
BEGS to Announce that he will Posi-  
tively take his  
FAREWELL BENEFIT  
In Hongkong.

To-morrow Evening,  
(SATURDAY), December 7th, 1878.

On which occasion will be produced  
BENEDICT'S ROMANTIC OPERA  
"THE LILY OF KILLARNEY,"

In Four Acts,  
With all its Starling Effects.

MISS OLARA STANLEY AS EILY.

CAST OF CHARACTERS:

Hardress Oregan, Mr. H. VERNON.  
Danny Mann, Mr. H. PHILLIPS.  
Myles-na-Coppaleen, Mr. J. ROLLINGS.  
Anne Chute, Miss B. DRAGGER.  
Mrs Oregan, Miss A. DRAGGER.  
Father Tom, Mr. PADDOCK.  
Mr Corrigan, Mr. MACKINNON.  
Servant, Mr. BEAMONT.  
Shelah, Miss B. DRAGGER.  
Miss O'CONNOR, Miss OLARA  
STANLEY.

Hunters, &c.

RE-APPEARANCE OF MR VERNON.

MISS STANLEY and the other LADIES of  
the Company kindly give their Services  
Gratuitously.

THE CELEBRATED WATER CAVE SCENE WILL  
BE PRODUCED IN ITS ENTIRETY, WITH  
ALL ITS STARLING EFFECTS.

SYNOPSIS OF SCENERY:

ACT I.

HALL OF TORE OREGAN.

ACT II.

THE GAP OF DUNLOE.

COTTAGE AT MUCKROSS HEAD.

Mr J. ROLLINGS and Miss B. DRAGGER  
will introduce the celebrated  
MRS MACGOWAN'S REEL.

ACT III.

SCENE 1ST.—EXTERIOR OF TORE  
OREGAN.

SCENE 2ND.—MOUNTAIN PASS.

Interval of Five Minutes.

SCENE 3RD.—THE CELEBRATED CAVE  
SCENE.

ACT IV.

THE MARRIAGE SCENE.

GENERAL DENOUEMENT.

MUSICAL DIRECTOR, MR F. PANIZZA.

The Operas are produced under the Sole  
direction of  
MR H. VERNON.

Tickets to be had and Seats secured at  
Messrs KATZ & Co's, where a Plan of the  
Theatre may be seen.

PRICES OF ADMISSION:

Dress Circle or Orchestra  
Stalls, ..... TWO DOLLARS.  
Pit, ..... ONE DOLLAR.

Ladies unaccompanied by Gentlemen  
cannot be admitted.

Hongkong, December 6, 1878. de8

## Notices to Consignees.

NORWEGIAN S. S. HAKON  
ADELSTEIN, FROM NAGASAKI.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-  
named Vessel are hereby requested  
to send in their Bills of Lading to the Un-  
dersigned for counter-signature, and to take  
immediate delivery of their Goods.  
Cargo impeding the discharge of the  
Vessel will be landed and stored at Con-  
signees' risk and expense.

ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, November 29, 1878.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES  
MARITIMES.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of the following Cargo  
are requested to send in their Bills of  
Lading to the Undersigned for counter-  
signature, and take immediate delivery.  
This Cargo has been landed and stored at  
their risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

L. HENNEQUIN,  
Actg. Agent.

Ex "Pai Ho."

N M R (in diamond) 54/6 Imp. Aldridge  
V S O Salmon & Co., from London, 2 cases  
Millinery.

K J (in diamond) 10, Order, 1 case Haber-  
LSB dasher, from London.

LSB 12, Order, 1 case Flannel, from  
London.

S J O 256, Order, 1 case Merino, from  
London.

Hongkong, December 5, 1878.

## Notices to Consignees.

## FROM LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. Cyphrenes, having arrived  
from the above Ports, Consignees of  
Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods  
with the exception of Opium, are being  
landed, at their risk by Messrs Norton  
& Co., into the Godowns of Messrs Norton  
& Co., whence delivery may be obtained.  
Consignees wishing to receive their  
Goods on the Wharf are at liberty to  
do so.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on,  
unless notice to the contrary be given  
before 5 p.m., To-day.

No Claims will be admitted after the  
Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods  
remaining after the 12th Instant will be  
subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be counter-signed by

ADAMSON, BELL & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, December 5, 1878. de12

BRITISH STEAMER COMMON-  
WEALTH, FROM YOKOHAMA AND  
HIOGO.

THE above Steamer having arrived, Con-  
signees of Cargo are requested to send in  
their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned  
for counter-signature, and to take im-  
mediate delivery of their Goods from along-  
side.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the  
Steamer will be landed and stored at Con-  
signees' risk and expense.

MEYER & Co.  
Agents.

Hongkong, December 3, 1878. de7

## To-day's Advertisements.

## CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LIMITED.

THE Company's Steamer "JOHANG,"  
leaving this Port for CANTON TO-  
MORROW, 7th Instant, at 8 a.m., will  
return from CANTON SUNDAY, 8th Inst.,  
Starting at 8.30 a.m.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
Agents.

Hongkong, December 6, 1878. de7

## HONGKONG VOLUNTEERS.

ORDERLY ROOM, 6th December, 1878.

THE CORPS will PARADE on MONDAY  
EVENING, the 9th Instant, at  
9 o'clock, on the VOLUNTEER PARADE  
GROUND.

A. COXON,  
Captain-Commandant H. K. V.

## GARRISON THEATRE.

BY kind permission of His Excellency  
the Major General Commanding,  
PROFESSOR MARCO VITZ  
will give his First Performance of the  
latest WONDERS IN MAGIC and his feat  
in the MYSTERIOUS CABINET, puzzling the  
greatest scientific men of the day, at the  
GARRISON THEATRE,  
on  
TUESDAY EVENING,  
the 10th Instant.

Doors Open at 8.30, and Begin at 9 o'clock.

Tickets to be had at the Doors of the  
Theatre.

ADMISSION:

Reserved Seats, ..... \$1.00

Second Class, ..... 50

Back Seats, ..... 25

Hongkong, December 6, 1878. de11

## NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES  
MARITIMES.

## PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Company's Steamship  
"SINDH,"  
Commandant BRUNET, will be  
despatched for SHANGHAI  
shortly after her arrival from Europe.

L. HENNEQUIN,  
Actg. Agent.

Hongkong, December 6, 1878.

## NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES  
MARITIMES.

## PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Company's Steamship  
"TANAGH,"  
Commandant DE LA MARCELLE,  
will be despatched for YOKO-  
HAMA shortly after the arrival of the next  
French Mail from Europe.

L. HENNEQUIN,  
Actg. Agent.

Hongkong, December 6, 1878.

STEAM FOR  
SINGAPORE, PENANG, POINT DE  
GALLE, ADEN, SUEZ, MALTA,  
BRINDISI, ANCONA, VENICE, MEDI-  
TERRANEAN PORTS, SOUTH-  
AMPTON, AND LONDON.

ALSO  
BOMBAY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA, AND  
AUSTRALIA.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM  
NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship  
"GEELENG," Captain C. FRASER, will  
leave this on SATURDAY, the 21st De-  
cember, at Noon.

For further Particulars, apply to  
A. MEYER, Superintendent.

Hongkong, December 5, 1878. de21

## To-day's Advertisements.

## FOR AMOY.

The Steamship  
"ESMERALDA,"  
Capt. CULLEN, will be de-  
spatched for the above Port  
TO-MORROW, the 7th Instant, at 10 a.m.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
RUSSELL & Co.  
Hongkong, December 6, 1878. de7

## FOR HOIHOW.

The Steamship  
"ALBAY,"  
Capt. F. ASHTON, will be de-  
spatched for the above Port  
on SUNDAY, the 8th Instant, at Daylight.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
DOUGLAS LAUREN & Co.  
Hongkong, December 6, 1878. de8

AUSTRALASIAN STEAM NAVA-  
TION COMPANY.FOR COOKTOWN, SYDNEY AND  
MELBOURNE.

Taking Cargo and Passengers for all Aus-  
tralasian and New Zealand Ports,  
TASMANIA, NEW CALEDONIA & FIJI.

The Departure of the Char-  
tered Steamship  
"MECOA,"  
Captain MORNEY, is POST-  
PONED until MONDAY the 9th Instant,  
at 3 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.

Hongkong, December 6, 1878. de9

FOR LONDON,  
SINGAPORE & COLOMBO.

The Steamship  
"GLENN,"  
Capt. GLENN, expected  
here on the 14th Instant, will  
have quick despatch as above.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
JACKIN & MATHESON & Co.

Hongkong, December 6, 1878.

## FOR SHANGHAI.

The Steamship  
"FROKLA,"  
Schultz, Master, will have  
immediate despatch as above.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
SIEMSEN & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, December 6, 1878.

FROM HAMBURG, PENANG AND  
SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. Moray having arrived from  
the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo  
are hereby informed that their Goods  
being landed at their risk into the Godowns  
of the Undersigned, whence and/or from  
the Wharf or Boats delivery may be ob-  
tained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on,  
unless notice to the contrary be given  
before 4 p.m. To-day.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the  
12th Instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be counter-signed by  
SIEMSEN & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, November 6, 1878. nol3

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND  
SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. Moray having arrived from  
the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo  
are hereby requested to send in their Bills  
of Lading to the Undersigned for counter-  
signature, and to take immediate delivery  
of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge will be at  
once landed and stored at Consignees' risk  
and expense.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.  
Agents.

Hongkong, December 6, 1878. de13

## Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor  
Owners will be Responsible for any  
Debts contracted by the Officers or Crew  
of the following Vessels, during their stay  
in Hongkong Harbour:

GRANIS, British bark, Captain Key.—  
Russell & Co.

FONTEAINE, British ship, Capt. Geo. B.  
Taylor.—Arnold, Karberg & Co.

COMBESARY, British ship, Captain A.  
Morrison.—Meyer & Co.

GIANELLA, British barque, Captain  
Wallace.—Captain.

ALPHEO, British barque, Captain Robert  
Falconer.—Captain.

FANNY, French barque, Captain E. M.  
Goupy.—Landstein & Co.

NAPIER, British barque, Capt. W. L.  
Bryar.—Messageries Maritimes.

FREYER OF FORSTER, British barque, Capt.  
J. Cooper.—Olyphant & Co.

EARL OF DEVON, British barque, Captain  
James Beer.—Captain.

TAIWAN, German barque, Captain C. Jes-  
sen.—Arnold, Karberg & Co.

CHANG AND, British barque, Capt. W.  
S. Hawkins.—Olyphant & Co.

HAMBURG, German barque, Captain H.  
von Kroge.—Eduard Schellhaas & Co.

ANNIE S. HALL, American barque, Capt.  
Chas. H. Nelson.—Captain.

PELHAM, British brig, Captain H. M.  
Ackford.—Captain.

## SHIPPING.

## ARRIVALS.

Dec. 6, Albay, British steamer, 366, F.  
Ashton, Hoibow Dec. 8, General.  
Douglas LAUREN & Co.

Dec. 5, Feronia, German steamer, 1115,  
H. Schultz, Hamburg Oct. 6, via ports of  
call, and Singapore Nov. 28, General.—  
SIEMSEN & Co.

Dec. 6, Esmeralda, British steamer, 899,  
R. Cullen, Manila Dec. 6, General.—  
RUSSELL & Co.

Dec. 6, Quarta, German steamer, 781,  
P. Hays, Saigon Nov. 28, General.—Bortz  
SHIPS.

Dec. 6, Moray, British steamer, 1427,  
Butcher, Calcutta Nov. 20, via Penang, and  
Singapore 28, 3.30 p.m., General.—JAR-  
DINE, MATHESON & Co.

## DEPARTURES.

Dec. 6, Aleppo, for Chiofo.

6, Wodan, for Oham.

6, Alorton, for Singapore.

6, Mary Fraser, for New York.

6, Chinkiang, for Shanghai.

6, Pelham, for Keelung.

6, Diamante, for Manila.

## CLEARED.

Yotting, for Swatow.

Esmeralda, for Amoy.

Cyphrenes, for Shanghai.

Presto, for Manila.

Catharina, for Guam.

Agamemnon, for London, &c.

## PASSENGERS.

## ARRIVED.

Per Feronia, from Hamburg, &c., Miss  
T. Piersdorf, Mr. Homenie, and 5 Chinese.

Per Moray, from Calcutta, &c., Mrs  
Sedgfield, and 285 deck.

Per Albay, from Hoibow, 1 Saloon, and  
40 Chinese deck.

Per Esmeralda, from Manila, 78 Chinese,  
and 3 Europeans.

Per Quarta, from Saigon, 77 Chinese.

## DEPARTED.

Per Diamante, for Manila, Mrs. Roush  
and 2 children, Messrs T. Hagemann, Carl  
Stande, J. S. Edgar, and F. G. Collins, and  
77 Chinese.

Per Alorton, for Straits, 20 Chinese.

Per Chinkiang, for Shanghai, 30 Chinese.

## TO DEPART.

Per Yotting, for Swatow, 200 Chinese.

Per Esmeralda, for Amoy, 100 Chinese.

Per Cyphrenes, for Shanghai, 12 Euro-  
peans.

Per Agamemnon, for Singapore, &c., 11  
Europeans, 363 Chinese, and 2 Distressed  
Seamen.

## SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer Albay reports: Left  
Hoibow on the 3rd, having experienced  
light North-easterly winds and fine weather  
throughout. In port, str. Conquest.

The German steamer Feronia reports:  
Calcutta up to Pulo Condore, from thence to  
port fresh monsoon.

The German steamer Quarta reports:  
From Saigon to Cape Padaran fine weather  
from there to Cape Yarela heavy gale from  
North, and on the 29th a very typhoonish  
Boreometer 29.60. From Cape Yarela to  
port fresh monsoon with very high sea.

The British steamer Moray reports:  
Fine weather to Singapore, from thence up  
fresh monsoon with very heavy sea. Dec.  
2nd, spoke ship Salamis, from Shanghai to  
Port Philip, in lat. 10.23 N., long. 109.57  
E.

## POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

## MAILS will close:—

For AMOY.—  
Per Esmeralda, at 9.30 a.m. To-morrow,  
the 7th inst.

For HOIHOW.—  
Per Albay, at 5 p.m. To-morrow, the 7th  
inst.

For SWATOW, AMOY, & FOCHOOW.—  
Per Yess, at 5 p.m., on Saturday, the  
7th inst.

For COOKTOWN, SYDNEY, MEL-  
BOURNE, &c.—  
Per Meoca, at 2.30 p.m., on Monday,  
the 8th inst., instead of as previous-  
ly notified.

For PORT DARWIN.—  
Per Killarney, at 2.30 p.m., on Monday,  
the 9th inst.

For BANGKOK.—  
Per Rajanattamhar, at 3.30 p.m., on  
Tuesday, the 10th inst.

## MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.—

The French Contract Packet Anadyr will  
be despatched from Hongkong on  
THURSDAY, the 13th December,  
with Mails to and through the United  
Kingdom and Europe, via Mar-  
seilles; to Saigon, Singapore, Batavia,  
Galle, Pondicherry, Madras,  
Calcutta, Bombay, Aden, Suez, and  
Alexandria.

The following will be the hours of closing  
the Mails, &c.:—

Wednesday, 11th December.—

5 p.m., Money Order Office closes. Post  
Office closes except the NIGHT BOX,  
which remains open all night.

Thursday, 12th December.—

7 a.m., Post Office opens for sale of  
Stamps, Registry of Letters, and  
Posting of all correspondence.

10 a.m., Registry of Letters ceases.

11 a.m., Post Office closes except for Late  
Letters.

11.10 a.m., Letters (but Letters only)  
may be posted on payment of a  
to Late Fee of 18 cents extra postage,  
until

11.30 a.m., when the Post Office Closes  
entirely.

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## MAILS BY THE BRITISH PACKET.—

The British Contract Packet Geelong  
will



has been working on grounds of completing  
thirty years' service.

Quinaxyle, Bril. supp. for London, hemp  
\$1.15 per ton.

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100



of the audiences it would be risky to speculate on a dollar being found amongst them. The stock in trade of the mountebanks who undertake to enlighten the minds, heal the bodies or gladden the eyes of the Celestial race would astonish our friends at the other side of the globe. Charms, plasters (to cure all ills), blood, snakes dried and living, teeth, pictures from European illustrated papers, and photographs of Chinese beauties, appear to comprise the sum total; while the doctors have a small assortment of herbs, powders, and fluids the use or names of which would puzzle the scientific heads of the whole of Europe. One worthy we saw holding forth on the beauties of the human form, and beneficial effects of athletic exercises. He posed himself in the most picturesque attitudes to illustrate what he was endeavouring to explain to his admiring audience, and would occasionally grasp a stool, swing it round his head, and throwing himself into a graceful but aggressive attitude, call the attention of his audience to the Achilles-like nature of his muscles and sinews. Another use to which the Recreation Ground appears to be placed is that of a public latrine, and consequently the odours arising from this cause are most offensive. The Police should see to this, and a watchman should be constantly on the spot to arrest persons offending in this way. We certainly think that, unless as a breathing place for the pestilential neighbourhood of Tai-ping-shan, the Chinese Recreation Ground as such is rather a failure.

**Henderson & Co's Weekly Shipping Report, Pagoda Anchorage, 30th November, 1878.**  
**Arrivals During the Week.**—Nov. 24, Kwang Tung, from Hongkong; 24, China, from Amoy; 24, Johanna Kremer, from Newchwang; 25, Quikstep, from Shanghai; 25, Yesso, from Hongkong.

**Departures During the Week.**—Nov. 23, E. C. Mutch, for Keelung; 24, Hasting, for Shanghai; 24, Vulcan, for London and Hamburg; 27, Glamorganshire, for London; 27, Kwang Tung, for Hongkong; 27, Marope, for Shanghai.

**Shipping in Port.**—August, Christian, China, Johanna Kremer, Quikstep, Hasting, Yesso.

#### LATE TELEGRAMS.

The following telegrams taken from the Straits Times of 28th Nov. are new to us:—

##### SOCIALISM IN ITALY.

Rome, Nov. 27.—There is a widespread Socialist agitation throughout the country and many arrests are being made.

##### AUSTRIA AND HUNGARY.

Vienna, Nov. 27.—During a Lovén given by the President of the Hungarian Council of Ministers at which Count Andrássy was present, a bomb was thrown, but exploded outside the building and nobody was hurt.

The following telegraphic news are taken from the Calcutta Englishman of the 16th:—

**Mandalay, Nov. 6.**—The King was crowned to-day, and married to the eldest and second daughter of the former head queen. The people are anything but enthusiastic over the event; and, although things are apparently quiet, there is in reality conspiracy rife everywhere.

**Bombay, Nov. 13.**—The Hall Line Steamer *Wistow* Nov. 13, which arrived here yesterday evening, made the passage out from Liverpool in 28½ days, the fastest passage on record.

**London, Nov. 14.**—The Times publishes a note, extending over five columns, from Sir Bartle Frere dated January 1878, in reply to a Memorandum from Sir John Lawrence, dated November 1874. The Times considers that it clearly forecasts all the Government has done since, and the best way to guard the Empire against Russian advance was considered to be a friendly and protecting influence over Afghanistan, which country should preserve its independence, hold a position like that of Belgium or Holland, and form a buttress against Russia. Sir Bartle Frere urges the importance of there being an English, and not a Native, Agent at Kabul.

**London, Nov. 15.**—Mr Gladstone has pointed out the inconsistency of Lord Beaconsfield's remarks at the Guildhall relative to the North-West frontier, and denounces the idea of rectification. Mr Gladstone says the best barrier against Russian aggression in Europe would be the establishment of local autonomy.

The Russian General Ryzanoff has replaced Count Stollhoff at Kabul. Consols yesterday closed at 93½, being a fall of one-eighth.

#### Police Intelligence.

6th Dec., 1878.

(Before C. V. Creagh, Esq.)

Chan Ahn, a cook, on board the British barque *Hida*, was fined \$10 or 21 days' hard labour for being drunk and disorderly and using abusive language on board his vessel.

#### THE BOLD "LOOK-ONE."

Lam Ping Chong, a constable, No. 163, stationed at Yowmaite, was charged by Inspector Cameron with cutting and wounding—*lan akow*—a married woman and Pun Akoo, a fellow constable, No. 160. The wounded persons are both in hospital, and Inspector Cameron asked for a remand until Monday, the 9th instant, to allow of their being able to appear. The affray appears to have arisen through jealousy; the instrument used being a fan dagger, an instrument which promises to figure pretty frequently in quarrels in China. It would be well if they were confiscated wherever discovered, and the persons in whose possession they are found should be punished for being in possession of unlawful weapons. The defendant in the present case is a strong powerful-looking fellow, and he is within a few months of completing his ten years' service.

(Before J. J. Francis, Esq.)  
 CHARGES OF EMBEZZLEMENT FROM THE STAMP OFFICE.

Cheung Ahling, a Stamp Revenue Office-cole, was charged with embezzling \$41, the property of Her Majesty the Queen. Mr Alfred Lister, the Collector of Stamp Revenue, said that prisoner was employed as a press-man for the purpose of impressing stamps on paper brought to the Office for that purpose. There are, (he said), three presses in one room in the Post Office building. There are two sets of dies, which are kept in iron safes of which I have the key. I give out a set of dies for the day at 10 o'clock in the morning of each day to the prisoner, when the clerk arrives, who goes up with him to the press-room. The dies are returned to me at 3 p.m. No one else is allowed to go into the room. The prisoner and the clerk have orders not to leave the room between the hours of 10 and 3. All papers requiring to be stamped are sent up through the shroff. I have made a careful examination of the impressions on the papers (thirty-nine in all). I am confident in my own mind that they are impressions of the Stamp Office dies and no other dies. One reason why I feel confident that the Stamp Office dies have been used is this, that the stamps correspond with the dies we were using in August. There are two sets of dies, each set being in use for a month, and they are different sizes, so that the size of the stamp differs each month. The dies used in August were those of the larger and worse set. The impression for September were made with the small dies. I have made careful examination of the cash book and ledger and find that out of the thirty-nine pieces of paper fifteen of them at least have not been stamped in the legitimate way. I produce two sheets stamped \$1.60, dated August 30th. On that day, according to the books and papers, no stamps of that value were issued; there may have been stamps of that value issued on printed forms.

In reply to his Worship witness said:—I charge the prisoner for several reasons, because the prisoner had the opportunity. Mr d'Aquin was absent at his trial, and Mr d'Aquin has been 14 years in the Government and 10 in the Post Office. The prisoner has only been 2 years in the service. Another reason is that Mr d'Aquin gives heavy security for his good conduct, and the prisoner none. Then again the impression appears to have been made by some person afraid to make a noise; the impressions are very faint. Mr d'Aquin would have no reason to be afraid of being heard working the press, as anyone would conclude he was working the leather. I also think that he would have made better impressions, being an old stamper. Mr d'Aquin bears a very good character. If he had wished to commit a fraud some years ago, he could have done so with perfect safety, as it is only owing to the improvements which I have made in keeping the accounts that I am able to speak so positively as at present. I would like the case remanded until the summons case be disposed of.

Mr Francis said that he was not quite clear that the prisoner, even if guilty of the offence with which he was charged, could be convicted of embezzlement; and he (Mr Francis) would, if he remanded the case, ask the opinion of the Attorney General. He would also not feel justified in refusing the prisoner reasonable bail.

Mr Lister said he had no objection whatever to the prisoner being admitted to bail. The case was finally remanded until Friday next, the 13th instant, at 10 o'clock, the prisoner being admitted to bail in two sureties of \$100 each.

#### UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF STAMPED PAPER.

Tao Chiu, a coke dealer, was charged by the unlawful possession of stamped paper, improperly obtained from the Stamp Office, and selling it to a man named Teo Kah for \$18. Defendant denied having had the paper in his possession, and the case was remanded until Monday, the 9th instant, at 2 p.m.

#### Manila.

(Translated from our Manila Exchanges.)  
 The Chartered Mercantile Bank of India, London and China, will start in a few days a branch office here.

The British Consul of Manila, Mr Palmer, will not return to this port in consequence of his having been appointed for Bulgaria, for which place he left in Sept. last from England. It is not yet known who will succeed Mr Palmer at Manila.

In accordance with the decision arrived at by the Board of Health the other day, the American ship *Grandee*, which left Yokohama on the 3rd November, upon her arrival here on Nov. 25, was put in quarantine, owing to cholera prevailing at that port. The said vessel was, by permission of the authorities, allowed to come into port on the following day. The *Grandee* experienced heavy weather since the 13th, and on the 16th, was off Bolinao, with such sea and rain that the Captain had never met with, accompanied by a violent wind from the S.W., which continued until the 18th, when she reached the N. of Cape Bojeador. She also reports having seen no vessel during the whole passage.

The steamer *Buduan*, as regards whose safety some doubts were entertained owing to the typhoon which was reported to have occurred on the 14th, 15th and 16th, on the N. coast of Luzon, arrived at Minia on the 25th ult. She reports having been caught in the vortex of the hurricane on the 14th, 15th and 16th, during which the vessel was labouring heavily and shipped much water. The fire in the last furnace was extinguished on the morning of the 19th, she being at this time in lat. 18° 6' N. and long. 126° 5' E. of San Fernando. At 11 a.m. same day a boat was carried away, as well as all the awnings. The water in the engine room and coal bunk was pumped out, while the weather was improving, and at 10 a.m. of Sunday 17th they succeeded in lighting the fire in two furnaces; the engine resuming its work by 3 p.m., and before night set in the other two furnaces were lighted, and proceeded on the voyage, arriving at Aparai at 3 p.m. on the 18th. The vessel suffered some slight damages, and part of the cargo was jettisoned during the worst part of the voyage.

The British barque *Oberale*, Captain Holdich, arrived here on the 26th Nov., with 1825 piculs rice, from Higo.

The American barque *Amirandis* left for New York on the 26th Nov.  
 The following are the charters of cited up to the 30th November:—  
 Belfast, Brit. ship, for London, hump at \$1.15 per ton.  
 Colonsky, Brit. ship, for London, hump at \$1.15 per ton.

Coldingham, British ship, has left for Singapore under owner's order.  
 Grandee, Amer. ship, to load sugar in full at Iloilo to New York, under charter effected at the latter port.

#### SINGAPORE.

(Singapore Daily Times, Nov. 28.)  
 Dates from Bangkok come down to the 20th instant. H. E. Sir William Robinson and party arrived off the bar of the Meinam river in H.M.S. *Modeste*, on the morning of Monday the 18th instant, and were to leave Bangkok on their return here on Tuesday, the 26th instant. His Excellency is expected here next Sunday. The reception of the Mission by His Siamese Majesty appears to have been of the most friendly and distinguished character. Elsewhere will be found the official programme, specially drawn up by order of the King, of the proceedings of each day for the entertainment of His Excellency and party and the investiture of the King with the highest insignia of the Order of St. Michael and St. George.

No further news has transpired regarding the Dindings affair, but every hope is entertained that all concerned in the atrocity will be satisfactorily brought to condign punishment. Another Chinaman, believed to have been one of the band, was arrested in North Canal Road here last Saturday. The conduct of the Police at the Pankoro Station still remains a mystery, and here a word of explanation seems necessary. Pankoro Island and the Dindings on the mainland, although British Territory, have been, for convenient administration, under the direct control of the Perak Government, that is, H. M. Resident in Perak. But the policemen at Pankoro Island, who behaved in such a dastardly manner, and who are believed to have been accomplices in, or at least to have connived at, the attack, formed no part of the Perak Police Force, who are all Sikhs. They were all Klings engaged in Penang. This explanation is due to the Perak Police Force, who have been trained by Captain Swinbourne of H. M. 28th Regiment, and who are believed to be thoroughly efficient, trustworthy and reliable.

With regard to Perak, the suitability of its soil for planting enterprise seems to be exciting more and more attention every day. Five or six more planters from Ceylon are now in the State examining its soil, and elsewhere will be found discussions and correspondence upon the subject. Johore also is following suit. The Maharajah has offered Mr Buchanan, private secretary of the Governor of Ceylon and formerly a planter, \$1,000 a year to become a sort of Minister of Lands for Johore, and he is expected here in the beginning of next year, accompanied by four or five more planters to explore Johore.

Two fires occurred during the week, but were mastered without damage being done. One broke out early on Sunday morning in Market Street, but was confined to the old house in which it originated, which, however, was burnt down. The other took place about mid day on Tuesday last on board the steamer *William Macdonald* while in New Harbour Dock for repairs. It was discovered early, and by the energetic efforts of the crew, the Dock officials, and Captain Worsley and crew of the Telegraph steamer *Edinburgh*, was quickly subdued.

H. M. S. *Narcissa*, Captain Long, arrived here from Hongkong on the morning of Tuesday the 26th instant en route for home.

#### MALACCA, 24th Nov.

H. M. S. *Iron Duke*, which arrived here last Tuesday morning, with Vice Admiral Cooke O.B., on board, left this for Penang the same evening. The Admiral landed during the forenoon and was received by a Guard of 60 men of H. M. S. 28th Regt., under the command of Lieut. Pilkington, and a salute of 17 guns was fired on the Admiral's landing.

The monotony of this benighted Settlement has been relieved during this week, first by the giving of a Grand Ball and Supper, by your much esteemed and wealthy citizen, Mr Tan Beng Swee, on the night of the 22nd instant, at the Stadt House here, and secondly by the dulcet strains of the band of H. M. S. 28th Regiment, who played on the Esplanade here, for about two hours last evening. H. H. the Maharajah of Johore, G.C.M.G., & C.S.I., honored the Ball with his presence, wearing the insignia of the Prussian Order lately presented to him by the Emperor of Germany (through the German Consul at Singapore), together with that of the Order of the Star of India, with jewelled decorations of those Orders, as also that of St. Michael and St. George. His Highness opened the Ball, about 10 p.m., by dancing a Quadrille with Mrs. Shaw, the Hon'ble Captain Shaw dancing with Mrs. Collingwood, Captain Collingwood with Mrs. Velge, and Mr Velge with Miss Shaw. Dancing was kept up with unflagging spirit until about 4 a.m. when all, both old and young, seemed pretty well "played out," and the Ball broke up. Everything seemed to go off remarkably well, save and except some little mistake made in the preparation of the dancing floor, which was found to be somewhat cohesive, instead of smooth to the feet of the dancers.

The only toast given at supper was one proposed by the Hon. Captain Shaw, Lieut. Governor, in a short but appropriate speech and was to the health and happiness of the Bride and Bridegroom, whose toast was responded to by Mr Tan Beng Swee, in a Malay language. There were about 100 persons present at the Ball, including several wealthy Celestials, and all present appeared to have spent a most enjoyable evening. Mr Tan Beng Swee, the host, is richly deserving of the warmest and most cordial thanks of all the guests present for his kindness and hospitality.

I must not forget to mention that the Ball Room was very tastefully decorated with flags and evergreens, which reflected great credit upon the person or persons who had the management or supervision of the same. Some of the Privates of the 28th Regt. were vigorously and strenuously at work for two or three mornings in fixing up the decorations, hanging up the lamps, &c., &c., and it is to be hoped that they will be properly rewarded for their trouble, which doubtless they will be by the generous and liberal-minded Chinese gentleman who gave the Ball and Supper in commemoration of the marriage of his eldest son.

If the report be true, the chief of the Chinese Embassy now in this country is a shrewd observer, and withal has keen appreciation of humour. Being asked the other day how all the Chinese in America would get back to China, he replied, "They will all go to Ireland; that is the only country that the Irish do not rule."—*Foreign Mail.*

#### JOTTINGS ON CHINA.

The word 媳婦 is a strange word and deserves some examination. The term really means daughter-in-law, i.e. wife of a son, but it seems to be passing through many phases. For instance, in Foochow it means not only a daughter-in-law but one who is about to become a daughter-in-law, and hence a woman about to be married, whether her fiancé has a father living or not. In Canton the word has precisely the same meaning. For instance, "The Smiths have a marriage going on at their house" the original meaning has disappeared, and in the colloquial 媳婦 means a wife, be she new or old. Students from the north are often very startled when they find out the purely local meaning of the word they are using. It is remarkable, too, that both in the Foochow and Canton colloquial the word has become extensively modified. In Foochow, *sing po* or *mo* takes the place of *seik ho*; and in Canton *sin* and *ho* that of *seik ho* (using Baldwin's *sin* and *ho* respectively) is the real character which should be used, for in both dialects 新人 means "a bride." Before a *p* the *seik* might easily corrupt itself into *seim*.

Bullies conveyed to Peking in "sheaths" 鞘, which are nothing more than rounded logs about three feet in length and circumference. Each log contains Tls. 3,000, or £1,000, and is split into two portions, which are then hollowed out for the reception of the silver. Of course these halves fit most accurately together and cannot possibly be tampered with. The chink is pasted round with a fine strong paper (紗紙) and this is carefully stamped. The logs are then bound with iron clamps and are ready for the roughest usage. Sometimes the halves are separately manufactured.

Peking Gazettes are sent to the Provinces every two days by the Forwarding Agent 提塘 at Peking. Sixty leaves is the regulation size of each volume. The Provincial 提塘 who is generally a military 舉人 at once sends the original copy or copies (how many are received) to the Viceroy and Governor. It is doubtful whether the Treasurer and Judge are permitted to see it. After skimming over the volume, which contains all decrees and memorials of Imperial interest, it is handed back to the 提塘 for filing. Six unimportant sheets are chosen and given to the local printers to be copied for circulation. These are printed with movable type, and distributed by numerous agents. It is also the duty of the Provincial 提塘 to forward these reduced copies to the prefects and magistrates in the country. The subscription-price at Canton is from eighteen pence to two shillings a month if the Gazettes are kept, and from sixpence to one shilling if called for next day. These second-hand copies are again distributed by the country agents.

The minutes endorsed by Viceroy and Governors upon Petitions conclude with a term the use of which seems peculiar to their rank, i.e. 批. 批 meaning provisionally is "Return [after copying] the Petition," but we are not sure. —*Foochow Herald.*

#### THE RUSSIAN MISSION AT CABUL.

The Temps publishes the translation of a letter from Tashkend in the *Russki Mir*, giving an account of General Stollhoff's Mission to Cabul.

The object of the Mission is said to have been to establish commercial relations with Afghanistan and India, and to thank Shere Ali for the manner in which he had behaved towards Russia during the Russo-Turkish war. The Mission arrived at Cabul on Aug. 11, and by the Amir's orders was quartered in a wing of his own palace. On the following day the Mission was solemnly received by the Amir, surrounded by his Ministers and household. He was most courteous, and ordered his Ministers to show the Russians all that was worth seeing. He gave the Mission several gala dinners, and held a grand review in their honour. It is said that at Cabul itself there are 40,000 men. The regiments were mostly the same uniform as that of the British army. The infantry have English breechloaders, and the artillery have also a great number of breechloading guns. Shere Ali, to show how high a value he set upon the friendship of Russia, asked General Stollhoff whether he would take back with him to Tashkend Afghan delegates to thank General Kauffmann for the great honour done to the Amir. This delegation has arrived at Tashkend. The chief is Lieut. Minister of the Interior, Moonshee Mohammed Hassan Khan. He looks about forty, has a thick black beard, and wears a light cloth cap. The personal side-decamp of Shere Ali, two staff officers, and a treasurer also form part of the delegation. On Sept. 17 the delegation was received by General Kauffmann at his country house. The Envoy spoke in Persian; but his utterance was so rapid that General Stollhoff experienced great difficulty in translating what he said. A gala performance took place at the Tashkend Theatre in honour of the Afghans, and there is to be a grand review. It is said that they will proceed to St. Petersburg. General Stollhoff left for Livadia on Sept. 22. The Afghan Minister remained at Tashkend, awaiting General Stollhoff's return from the Crimean Palace of the Czar.

The news of a previous Afghan Mission, given by German papers, is untrue. They must refer to a Mission from the Amir of Bokhara to offer General Kauffmann to supply him with telegraph posts gratis for the establishment of telegraphic communication between Bokhara and Tashkend.

#### PROJECTED TREATY BETWEEN RUSSIA AND TURKEY.

The following is the substance of the proposal of the Porte for the settlement of questions pending between the two Powers:—  
 Article I. sets forth the usual formal assurances as to the future maintenance of eternal peace and amity between the two Sovereigns.  
 Art. II. The Czar and Sultan alike engage to respect all the stipulations of the Berlin Treaty.  
 Art. III. The contracting parties likewise engage to respect and execute all the stipulations of the Treaty of San Stefano

which were not abrogated or modified by the Congress of Berlin.  
 The following principles are laid down as to indemnities, territorial occupation, &c.:—

Art. IV. (a) The Porte shall pay an indemnity of 300,000,000*fr.*, exclusive of territorial concessions.

(b) The Porte shall pay an indemnity of 10,000,000*fr.* to Russian subjects whose interests have been injured.

(c) The Porte shall pay to the Danube International Commission 500,000*fr.* for the purpose of putting into a proper state the Sulina Channel, and shall accept any further outlay for repairing the damages caused by the military operations.

(d) In the territories ceded to Russia the Mussulman inhabitants shall, during a term of three years, have full liberty to sell their property and emigrate to Turkey.

(e) In the territory temporarily occupied by Russian troops the existing administration shall continue, and the Porte shall not interfere therein till the expiration of the term agreed on.

(f) At the expiration of this term the Russian troops will retire, according to the treaties, in an order which will be determined by special convention to be hereafter concluded.

(g) The Turkish authorities shall not, after the retirement of the Russians, *sever* contre the inhabitants who may be supposed to have compromised themselves.

(h) A general amnesty will be granted to all Bulgarians and others who are, justly or unjustly, supposed to have shown sympathy with and given assistance to the Russians, and all who are at present imprisoned on such charges will be at once liberated.

Art. V. All previous treaties and stipulations, in so far as they are not affected by the present act, will remain in force and be duly respected by both contracting parties.  
 Art. VI. For all matters of detail (this probably refers to claims of Russian against Turkish subjects and vice versa) arbitrators will be appointed.  
 This document is as yet merely a project, and will be submitted to the Turkish Ministers for examination. Some convention of the kind must be made, for the Treaty of San Stefano was "preliminary," and a great part of it was not affected by the Treaty of Berlin.—*Times.*

#### ELECTRIC LIGHTING.

A very important decision in regard to electric lighting was taken the other day by the Metropolitan Board of Works. At the end of last June a committee of the Board was requested to consider and report on the advisability of making an experiment with the electric light on the Thames Embankment. Shortly after its appointment the committee received an offer from a French company, entitled the "Société Générale d'Electricité," to supply them with an electric battery, together with twenty lamps and fittings, for the purpose of carrying out the proposed experiment, on the condition that the Board provided at its own cost the necessary motive power and defrayed the other incidental expenses. On Oct. 21 the committee presented its report, and recommended that this offer should be accepted. They proposed that arrangements should be made without delay to test the value of the electric light upon the Thames Embankment. It is considered desirable, upon Waterloo Bridge, and that advantage should be taken of the offer made by the French company. An animated debate arose on the proposal of the committee, but ultimately their report was adopted. In a short time, therefore, the public will be able to judge for itself of the merits of the new mode of lighting from actual experiment made on a scale not unworthy of a great metropolis like London. The subject of the electric light was also before the City Commission of Sewers a day or two since, when a report unfavourable to its use in the City, on account of the cost, was presented by Mr Haywood, the engineer to the Commission. This report was adopted, but it was decided to experiment with the light in front of the Royal Exchange and on the Embankment. The Times office has already been lighted by the electric light, the invention adopted being that of Mr. Rapelle. On the first important trial six lights were kept burning in one circuit, and in the presence of Lord Richard Grosvenor and a large party of gentlemen, they were blown out and instantly reignited automatically. The lights were lowered just the same as in the case of ordinary gas. They were put out altogether, and each one separately, at the desire of the spectators. The office is, it is said, to be completely lighted up with the electric light. It is stated that Mr Edison's patents for the sub-division of the electric light were filed in the Patent Office in London on Oct. 23, and that as soon as the legal formalities have been completed the experiments with the invention will be made publicly.

#### DOUBLE PIANOS.

At the Covent Garden Promenade Concerts, on Oct. 21, a new instrument was played for the first time, for which its promoters claim the proud title of "pianoforte of the future." It is a striking feature is sufficiently indicated by the name "double" pianoforte, there being two keyboards instead of one, and in connection with these, two separate actions. The double keyboard is, of course, not absolutely new; every ordinary organ possesses it. But a little careful watching of the player's hands will discover to the veriest tyro in music that the peculiarities of the new instrument do not end here. For these hands, as they slide from the lower to the higher board, and vice versa, will be found to produce notes of a very different nature, the corresponding keys of the two boards being, in fact, placed in reversed order to each other. To speak more plainly, on the lower keyboard the notes follow in the ordinary sequence on proceeding from low to high, but on the upper keyboard this order is reversed, the low octaves being on the right and the high octaves on the left hand of the player. The reason for such an arrangement is obvious enough. Supposing a player wishes to execute a succession of scales with the left hand alone. He would in that case begin at the extreme left of the lower keyboard, proceed to about the middle, and then transfer his hand to the higher keyboard and play back again from right to left. The right hand would perform the same operation in converse order, beginning in the right corner of the upper board and ending in that of the lower. In consequence, each hand has the whole range of an ordinary pianoforte at its command without the player shifting his position by an inch. It also becomes possible for the player to double high or low chords, as the

case may be, and thus add to the volume and intensity of the sound. In like manner it will be possible to play passages in which melody and accompaniment approach each other closely with perfect clearness, the two keyboards keeping the hands apart. The awkward crossing of hands will also be avoided. All these are advantages which a virtuoso will appreciate and which will enable him to produce effects all but unattainable on the ordinary piano.

**THE NEW LIGHT.**—With a view to bringing into more general use the much-talked-of electric light, no fewer than three "limited" companies were registered last week. All have for their object the introduction and development of this latest illuminating agent. Two of them—the "Electric Lighting Company" and the "British Electric Light Company"—have registered capitals of £100,000 each, to be divided into shares of £10; while the "Sun Electric Light Company," which proposes to purchase and work the invention of Mr Charles Weightman Harrison, modestly contents itself, for the present, with a proposed issue of £5,000 in £5 shares, taking, however, power to increase. Amongst the names of the original subscribers to the "Electric Light Company" are Right Hon. Earl Russell, Lord Salisbury, Sir Philip Ross, John Hollingshead, Charles Ferdinand de Kierkowski Stenar, Robert Jacob Hood, and Robert A. M. Dean. Messrs J. T. Emerson, J. P. E. J. Reed, M.P., Laithers Clark, and Sir Charles T. Bright, &c., &c., are included in the list of subscribers to the "British Electric Light Company."—*Financial.*

#### Quotations.

HONGKONG, December 6, 1878.  
**OPIMUM**—New Patna, cash, \$570 credit, —  
 " Old Patna, cash, — credit, —  
 " New Benares, cash, 540 credit, —  
 " Old Benares, cash, — credit, —  
 " New Malwa, cash, 760 credit, —  
 " Allowance Tels, 16 credit, —  
 " Old Malwa, cash, — credit, —  
 " Allowance Tels, — credit, —

#### Exchange.

Bank, on demand, ... 3/7½  
 " 30 days' sight, ... 3/7½  
 " 6 months' sight, ... 3/8½  
 Credits, ... 3/8½  
 Documentary, 6 months' sight, 3/8½  
 Bombay, demand Rupees, 221  
 Calcutta, ... 221  
 Shanghai, demand, ... 221  
 " 30 days, ... 221  
 Bar Silver, 17 dwts. B., ... 110 nom.  
 Spices, ... 109  
 Mexican, ... 1/2  
 Gold Leaf, 99½ fine, ... 27/0  
 English Sovereigns, ... 2/6  
 Australian Sovereigns, ... 5/4½

#### Shares.

Hongkong Bank, 66½ prem.  
 Union Ins. Society of Canton, \$1,600  
 China Traders' Ins. Co., 120  
 Yangtze Ins. Ass'n, Tls. 750  
 Chinese Insurance Co., \$240  
 North China Ins. Co., Tls. 1,250  
 H.K. Fire Ins. Co., \$300  
 China Fire Ins. Co., \$222½  
 H.K. & W. Dock Co., \$17½ prem.  
 H.K. & M. S. Boat Co., \$10 prem.  
 Shanghai Steam Navigation, Tls. 17  
 China Coast St. Nav. Co., Tls. 104  
 Hongkong Gas Co., \$95  
 Hongkong Hotel Co., \$65  
 China Sugar Refining Co., 150  
 Chinese Imperial Loan, £109  
 Do. of 1877, £108

#### Temperature.

(Taken at Messrs Falconer & Co's Premises, Queen's Road.)

HONGKONG, December 6, 1878.  
**BAROMETER**—9 A.M. ... 30.212  
 Do. 1 P.M. ... 30.100  
 Do. 4 P.M. ... 30.090  
**TEHRMOMETER**—9 A.M. ... 69  
 Do. 1 P.M. ... 71  
 Do. 4 P.M. ... 70  
 Do. (Wet bulb) 9 A.M. 64  
 Do. 1 P.M. 66  
 Do. 4 P.M. 66  
 Do. Maximum ... 71  
 Do. Minimum over night 67

#### Shipping Intelligence.

The following are corrected from the latest London and Colonial Papers, &c.:—

#### VESSELS TO ARRIVE.

**AT HONGKONG.**  
 When Name. From.  
 Mar. left.  
 23, Oracolo, Liverpool  
 30, Bristolian (s.), Antwerp  
 Apr. 16, Invincible, Penarth  
 June 23, Underwriter, Fortness Monroe  
 July 16, Annie Bow, Newcastle (N.S.W.)  
 16, Lorimer, Newcastle (N.S.W.)  
 18, Sydenham, London  
 21, Saint, Antwerp  
 27, Pilgrim, Cardiff  
 28, Abbey Cooper, Antwerp  
 30, Samaride, Hamburg  
 31, Charmer, Cardiff  
 Aug. 1, Bury St. Edmunds, Penarth  
 7, Alfredo, Cardiff  
 9, Urania, Penarth  
 10, Coreo, London  
 11, Lota, Cardiff  
 16, Friedrich, Cardiff  
 Sept. 13, Kzeolier, Hamburg  
 17, James Shephard, London  
 17, Cilurum, Liverpool via Cádiz  
 22, Coloma, San Francisco  
 Oct. 16, Achilles (s.), Liverpool  
 16, Jacobine, Liverpool  
 19, Hermann, Bremen  
 24, Burmesse (s.), London

**LOADING FOR CHINA AND JAPAN PORTS.**  
 At London.—Steamers via Suez Canal.  
 Glenlyon, Glenorchy.  
 Glenlyon, Glenorchy.

**Sailing Vessels.**  
 Hopewell, South Milton.



## Mails.

## NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.  
PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANÇAIS.  
STEAM FOR  
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,  
POINT DE GALLE,  
ADEN, SUEZ, ISMAÏLLA, PORT  
SAÏD, NAPLES, AND  
MARSEILLES;  
Also,  
PONDICHERRY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA  
AND ALL INDIAN PORTS.

ON THURSDAY, the 12th December, 1878, at Noon, the Company's S.S. *ANADYR*, Commandant DE BUTLER, with MALES, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port for the above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted until Noon.

Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on the 11th December, 1878. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are required.

For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

L. HENNEQUIN,  
Actg. Agent.

Hongkong, November 28, 1878. dcl2

## Occidental &amp; Oriental Steam-Ship Company.

TAKING THROUGH CARGO AND PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED STATES AND EUROPE, IN CONNECTION WITH THE CENTRAL

and UNION PACIFIC AND CONNECTING RAILROAD COMPANIES AND ATLANTIC STEAMERS.

THE S.S. "*GAELIC*" will be despatched for San Francisco via Yokohama, on TUESDAY, the 31st December, at 8 p.m.; taking Cargo and Passengers to Japan, the United States and Europe.

Connection is made at Yokohama, with Steamers from Shanghai.

Freight will be received on Board until 5 p.m. on the 30th December.

PACKAGES will be received at the Office until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

A REDUCTION is made on RETURN Passages Tickets.

For further information as to Freight on Passages, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 37, Queen's Road Central.

G. B. EMORY, Agent.

Hongkong, December 6, 1878. dcl3

## Intimations.

F. HUTCHINGS begs to announce to the Community of Hongkong that he will be able to supply BEEF, MUTTON, &c., from 1st October, and trusts that they may grant him their support.

Shop—WELLINGTON STREET, opposite the Cathedral.

Hongkong, September 20, 1878.

## Volume Seventh of the "CHINA REVIEW."

## Now Ready.

## No. 2.—Vol. VII.

## —OF THE—

## "CHINA REVIEW"

## CONTAINS—

Brief Sketches from the Life of K'ung-ming. The Critical Disquisitions of Wang Chung. The Ideal K'ung Shing Wang.

Geographical Notes on the Province of Kiangsi.

Stray Notes on Chinese Reader's Manual. Ethnological Sketches from the Dawn of History.

Translations of Chinese School-books. The Ballads of the Shi-king.

The Pekingese Ju shing. Notes on Chinese Grammar.

Botanics from the Book of Rites. Short Notices of New Books and Literary Intelligence.

Notes and Queries:—

Devices for Keeping Time. Modes of Consulting the Oracles. Chinese Bank Notes.

The Mammoth. The Emperor Styled "Brother of the Sun and Moon."

The K'ung. A Remarkably Tame Bird. Legends on Soapstone and Chinaware. The Portuguese Sovereignty over Macao.

Breeding Pearls. Books Wanted, Exchanges, &c.

China Mail Office, Hongkong, November 9, 1878.

## SAILOR'S HOME.

ANY Cast-off CLOTHING, BOOKS, or PAPERS will be thankfully received at the Sailor's Home, West Point, Hongkong, July 25, 1878.

## To Let.

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IN the Houses on MARINE LOT 65, formerly known as the Blue Houses, situate on Praya East:—

No. 2, The FIRST FLOOR, with immediate possession.

No. 3, The FIRST FLOOR and BASEMENT, either separately or together, with immediate possession.

Also,

SIX SPACIOUS ROOMS, with Corridors and Out-houses in the DWELLING HOUSE, to the Eastward of the Pier at Wanchai. These may be had in Apartments of Two or Three Rooms to suit convenience. Fine spacious Verandah looking on the Harbour. Immediate Possession.

For further particulars, apply to MEYER & Co.

Hongkong, August 15, 1878.

## TO LET.

FIRST-CLASS GRANITE GODOWNS, attached to Blue Houses at Wanchai, MARINE LOT 65.

Also,

A SPACIOUS TIMBER YARD, close to the Wanchai Pier. Timber received on Storage or the Yard Rented.

For further particulars, apply to MEYER & Co.

Hongkong, August 15, 1878.

## TO LET.

THREE OFFICES, in Club Chambers. Apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

Hongkong, November 28, 1878.

## TO BE LET.

Two Excellent STONE-FLOORED GODOWNS, on Marine Lot No. 10, Praya Central.

Apply to TURNER & Co.

Hongkong, August 1, 1878.

## FOR SALE.

WASHING BOOKS. (In English and Chinese.)

WASHERMAN'S BOOKS, for the use of Ladies and Gentlemen, are now ready at this Office. Price, \$1 each.

CHINA MAIL Office.

## NOW READY.

RENG-SHUI, or, THE RUDIMENTS OF NATURAL SCIENCE IN CHINA. By Dr. E. J. EITZEL. One Volume. 8vo. Price, \$1.50.

BUDDHISM, ITS HISTORY, THEORY AND POPULAR RELIGION, in three Lectures, By Dr. E. J. EITZEL. Second Edition. One Volume. 8vo. Price, \$1.50.

Orders will be received by Messrs Lane, Crawford & Co.

Hongkong, July 31, 1878.

## HONG LISTS.

Circular, large sheet.

THE AMENDED HONG LIST in English and Chinese, containing the Names of all the most important Companies, Institutions and Mercantile Houses in the Colony.

Price, 25 cents each; or \$2.50 per dozen.

At the "China Mail" Office.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

S. S. PEI HO.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per S. S. *Gange*, from London, in connection with the above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk at the Company's Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless intimation is received from the Consignees, before To-day, the 28th Inst., at 5 p.m., requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

Goods remaining unclaimed after THURSDAY, the 5th December, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

L. HENNEQUIN, Actg. Agent.

Hongkong, November 28, 1878.

## Insurances.

THE SCOTTISH IMPERIAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents in Hongkong for the above-named Company, are prepared to Grant Policies against FIRE on Buildings and on Goods to the extent of \$50,000, at the usual Rates, subject to an immediate Discount of 20 per cent.

Attention is invited to a considerable reduction in Premiums for Life Insurance in China.

MEYER & Co.

Hongkong, August 18, 1878.

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant Policies against FIRE to the extent of \$45,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored therein, at current local rates, subject to a Discount of 20 per cent.

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THE EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY OF THE UNITED STATES.

THE Undersigned are prepared to accept RISKS at GREATLY REDUCED RATES, and upon Terms very favourable to the Assured.

OLYPHANT & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, October 17, 1878.

CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY, (LIMITED.)

NOTICE.

POLICIES granted at current rates on Marine Risks to all parts of the World. In accordance with the Company's Articles of Association, Two Thirds of the Profits are distributed annually to Contributors, whether Shareholders or not, in proportion to the net amount of Premiums contributed by each, the remaining third being carried to Reserve Fund.

OLYPHANT & Co., General Agents.

Hongkong, April 17, 1878.

THE LONDON ASSURANCE.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER

of His Majesty King George The First, A. D. 1720.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Corporation are prepared to grant Insurances as follows:—

Marine Department.

Policies at current rates payable either here, in London or at the principal Ports of India, China and Australia.

Fire Department.

Policies issued for long or short periods at current rates. A discount of 20 per cent. allowed.

Life Department.

Policies issued for sums not exceeding £5,000 at reduced rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.

Hongkong, July 25, 1878.

MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF MANCHESTER AND LONDON.

THE Undersigned have been appointed Agents for the above Company at Hongkong, Canton, Foochow, Shanghai and Hankow, and are prepared to grant Insurances at current rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.

Hongkong, October 14, 1868.

ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned, Agents for the above Company, are prepared to grant Insurances at current rates.

MELOCHERS & Co., Agents, Royal Insurance Company.

Hongkong, October 27, 1874.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

AGENCIES at all the Treaty Ports of China and Japan, and at Singapore, Saigon and Penang.

Risks accepted, and Policies of Insurance granted at the rates of Premium current at the above mentioned Ports.

NO CHARGE FOR POLICY FEES.

JAS. B. COUGHTREE, Secretary.

Hongkong, November 1, 1871.

NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

Incorporated by Royal Charter and Special Acts of Parliament.

ESTABLISHED 1800.

CAPITAL £2,000,000.

THE Undersigned, Agents at Hongkong for the above Company, are prepared to grant Policies against FIRE, to the extent of £10,000 on any Building, or on Merchandise in the same, at the usual Rates, subject to a discount of 20 per cent.

GILMAN & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, July 8, 1878.

LANCASHIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

(FIRE AND LIFE.)

CAPITAL—TWO MILLIONS STERLING.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant Policies against the Risk of FIRE on Buildings or on Goods stored therein, on Goods on board Vessels and on Hulls of Vessels in Harbour, at the usual Terms and Conditions.

Proposals for Life Insurances will be received, and transmitted to the Directors for their decision.

If required, protection will be granted on first class Lives up to £1000 on a Single Life.

For Rates of Premiums, forms of proposals or any other information, apply to ARNOLD, KARBURG & Co., Agents, Hongkong & Canton.

Hongkong, January 4, 1867.

## Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Exclusive of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.

To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eight Sections, commencing at Green Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked A., near the Kowloon shore K., and those in the body of the Shipping or midway between each shore are marked C., in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections.

Section 1. From Green Island to the Gas Works.

2. From Gas Works to the Novelty Iron Works.

3. From Novelty Iron Works to the Harbour Master's Office.

4. From Harbour Master's Office to the P. and O. Co.'s Office.

Section 5. From P. and O. Co.'s Office to Peddar's Wharf.

6. From Peddar's Wharf to the Naval Yard.

7. From Naval Yard to the Pier.

8. From Pier to East Point.

Vessel's Name.	Anchor Sigs.	Captain.	Flag and Rig.	Tons.	Date of Arrival.	Consignees or Agents.	Destination.	Remarks.
Steamers								
Agamemnon	5 c	Wilding	Brit. str.	1552	Dec. 5	Butterfield & Swire	London, &c.	at daylight
Albatross	5 h	F. Ashton	Brit. str.	366	Dec. 5	Douglas Laprak & Co.	Holbow	
Asia	5 c	Djorup	Dan. str.	880	Dec. 4	Siemssen & Co.		
Bombay	5 c	Alderton	Brit. str.	749	Feb. 12	Kwok Acheong		
China	5 c	Jrr	Brit. str.	1036	Dec. 2	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Yokohama	Cos'tan Dock
Chitankang	4 c	Smith	Brit. str.	799	Dec. 3	Siemssen & Co.	Ningpo & Shanghai	To-day
Commonwealth	7 c	Largie	Brit. str.	1401	Dec. 3	Meyer & Co.	Shanghai	To-morrow
Cyphrenes	5 c	Thebaud	Brit. str.	1288	Dec. 4	Adamson, Bell & Co.	Manila	To-day
Diamond	5 h	Gullen	Brit. str.	514	Dec. 4	Russell & Co.	Amoy	To-morrow
Emeralda	5 h	Stopani	Brit. str.	399	Dec. 5	H. K. & W'poo Dock Co.		Tug Plying
Fame	5 h	Schultz	Brit. str.	1115	Dec. 5	Siemssen & Co.	Shanghai	
Feronia	4 h	O'Neill	Norw. str.	1004	Nov. 28	Arnold, Karberg & Co.		K'loon Dock
Hakon Adolsten	4 c	Morsey	Brit. str.	1090	Nov. 14	Geo. R. Stevens & Co.	Port Darwin	9th inst.
Killarney	4 c	Butcher	Brit. str.	686	Nov. 21	Geo. R. Stevens & Co.	Australian Ports	8th inst.
Moray	5 h	Butcher	Brit. str.	1427	Dec. 6	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	S'pore, Calcutta, &c.	
Norway	5 h	Haye	Brit. str.	606	June 28	Kwok Acheong		
Quanta	5 c	Hopkins	Brit. str.	731	Dec. 6	Soey Shing	Saigon	11th inst.
Rajanathanahar	3 h	Roberts	Amer. str.	952	Nov. 27	Tuen Fat Hong	Bangkok	10th inst.
Sea Gull	1 c	Ashton	Brit. str.	48	July 18	W. H. Ray		
Yesso	5 h	Goggin	Brit. str.	580	Dec. 5	Douglas Laprak & Co.	Coast Ports	8th daylight
Yotung	2 h		Brit. str.	288	Dec. 5	Kwok Acheong	Swatow	at daylight
Sailing Vessels								
Alma	7	Holsson	Swed. bge.	332	Nov. 20	Meyer & Co.	Hamburg	
Alva	2	Soenza	Port. sh.	631	Nov. 8	Brandao & Co.	Bombay	Ab'deen Dock
Amy Turner	2	Newell	Amer. bge.	891	Nov. 10	Russell & Co.	New York	
Angustura	2	Boysen	Ger. bge.	418	Nov. 12	Carlowitz & Co.	Salgon	Ab'deen Dock
Annie S. Hall	5	Nelson	Amer. bktine.	455	Nov. 29	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.		
Aristide	3	Lahaye	Fren. bge.	399	Nov. 2	Carlowitz & Co.		
Benefactor	4	Haye	Amer. bge.	696	Aug. 11	Wieler & Co.	New York	
Broma	3	Thompson	Ger. bge.	388	Nov. 13	Melchers & Co.	Batavia & Samarang	
Bua Gao	1	Thompson	Slam. bge.	388	Nov. 15	Edvard Schellhass & Co.		
Carnarvonshire	6	Schwartz	Brit. bge.	344	Nov. 15	Edvard Schellhass & Co.		
Cathiana	4	Gantiero	Fch. bge.	256	Nov. 22	Carlowitz & Co.		
Charles	2	Bakie	Brit. 3m. so.	304	Nov. 14	Borneo Co., Limited		
Changtoo	1	Kennett	Brit. bge.	284	Oct. 3	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	Honolulu	Sands' Sigs.
Chocoma	4	Kosow	Ger. sch.	260	Nov. 1	Wieler & Co.		
Christian	4	Kosow	Ger. sch.	260	Nov. 1	Wieler & Co.		
Christina	3	Capra	Nio. 3. m. so.	173	Dec. 2	J. J. dos Remedios & Co.		
Civiale	4	Nissen	Ger. bge.	380	Nov. 20	Siemssen & Co.		
Coexar	4	Hall	Amer. sch.	188	July 18	W. H. Ray		
Coloma	4	Hall	Amer. bge.	653	Nov. 15	Russell & Co.	London	
Commissary	7	Morison	Brit. sh.	900	Oct. 23	Meyer & Co.		
Concor	2	Steffens	Ger. bge.	368	Nov. 22	Siemssen & Co.	Shanghai	
Connaught Ranger	7	Murphy	Brit. sh.	1133	Dec. 8	Melchers & Co.		
Cordouan	2	Bertaud	Fch. bge.	459	Nov. 24	Carlowitz & Co.		
Craig Ard.	7	Hawkins	Brit. bge.	811	Nov. 24	Glyphant & Co.		
Crusader	7	Ingram	Amer. bge.	669	Nov. 27	Butterfield & Swire	Demerara	
Dartmouth	7	Robertson	Brit. bge.	215	Aug. 6	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.		
Delphin	3	Lilienthal	Ger. 3m. so.	298	Sept. 14	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	Hamburg	
Dirigo	3	Staples	Amer. bge.	654	Sept. 14	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.		
Don Quixote	4	King	Amer. sh.	1228	Nov. 18	Captain		
Earl of Devon	2	Beer	Brit. bge.	391	Nov. 9	Wieler & Co.		
Elizabeth Childs	4	Lindbergh	Brit. bge.	904	Oct. 17	Borneo Co., Limited		
Elizabeth Nicholson	3	Glerson	Brit. sh.	734	Nov. 30	D. Musso & Co.		
Emilio V.	1	Morrell	Brit. sh.	733	Nov. 30	Messageries Maritimes		
Emily Chaplin	3	Harris	Fch. bge.	272	Dec. 2	Carlowitz & Co.		
Fanny	2	Gordon	Fch. bge.	212	Dec. 2	Carlowitz & Co.		
Firth of Forth	7	Cowper	Brit. bge.	880	Nov. 12	Olyphant & Co.	Rangoon	
Fleetwing	2	Guest	Amer. sh.	829	Oct. 17	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	New York	
Flensborg	4	Jacobson	Dan. bge.	965	Nov. 22	Edvard Schellhass & Co.		Ab'deen Dock
Florence Nightingale	4	McIntyre	Brit. bge.	494	Dec. 2	Arnold, Karberg & Co.		
Fontenay	2	Taylor	Brit. sh.	653	Oct. 10	Arnold, Karberg & Co.		Cos'tan Dock
Franklin	2	Breunau	Fch. bge.	505	Nov. 22	Wieler & Co.	Salgon	
Friederich	3	Bertelsen	Ger. 3m. so.	293	Nov. 24	Wm. Pustau & Co.		
Gatine Bros.	4	Trumbach	Ger. bge.	402	Oct. 21	Edvard Schellhass & Co.		Cos'tan Dock
Hall Columbia	1	Bretton	Amer. sch.	353	Nov. 19	Edvard Schellhass & Co.		
Hamburg	4	Kroge	Ger. bge.	340	Nov. 20	Edvard Schellhass & Co.		
Hansa	4	Deneken	Ger. bge.	568	Dec. 1	Wieler & Co.		
Hattie M. Bangs	2	Wheat	Amer. 3m. so.	296	Dec. 2	Wieler & Co.		
Hawthorn	3	Volgarden	Ger. bge.	372	Nov. 28	Wieler & Co.		
Helene	4	Volgarden	Ger. bge.	372	Nov. 28	Wieler & Co.		
Herman	4	Volgarden	Ger. bge.	372	Nov. 28	Wieler & Co.		
Highlander	4	Hutchinson	Amer. sh.	1352	June 19	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.		
Hilda	2	Popp	Brit. bge.	303	Nov. 24	Chinese		
Holstein	4	Kulper	Ger. 3m. so.	281	Nov. 19	Edvard Schellhass & Co.		
Hotspr	4	Shaw	Brit. bge.	523	Sept. 3	Rozario & Co.	M'bourne & Dunedin	
Humboldt	4	Stoll	Ger. bge.	330	Dec. 1	Edvard Schellhass & Co.		
Hydon Castle	4	Scott	Brit. bge.	548	Nov. 23	Arnold, Karberg & Co.		
J. H. Ingersoll	7	Daw	Amer. bge.	609	Nov. 24	Butterfield & Swire		
Janet	2	Henfrey	Brit. 3m. so.	211	Nov. 22	Bisley & Co.		
Johann Friedrich	4	Krincke	Ger. bg.	242	Nov. 24	Wieler & Co.	Nagasaki	put back
Johann Smid	3	Boesche	Ger. bge.	433	Nov. 7	Melchers & Co.		
John Potts	4	McPherson	Brit. bge.	374	Nov. 28	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.		
Leucadia	7	Mearns	Brit. sh.	896	Sept. 19	Adamson, Bell & Co.		
Louisa	3	Shierloh	Ger. 3m. so.	245	Oct. 17	Edvard Schellhass & Co.		
Lucie	2	Klindt	Slam. bge.	432	Nov. 17	Tack Me		
Lulu	3	Maher	Brit. 3m. so.	379	Nov. 24	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Foochow	K'loon Dock
Manila II.	3	Gomer	Ger. bge.	511	Nov. 20	Wm. Pustau & Co.		
Marco Polo	5	Brackwoldt	Ger. bge.	358	Nov. 29	Wieler & Co.		
Marie Louise	7	Noury	Fch. bge.	425	Dec. 2	Carlowitz & Co.		
Matchless	7	Dawes	Amer. sh.	1165	Nov. 10	Meyer & Co.		
Melrose	4	Piero	Brit. bge.	870	Nov. 10	Meyer & Co.		
Mercury	3	Plumer	Amer. sh.	904	Sept. 19	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	New York	Wancha
Min-yodon	8	Thomas	Brit. 3m. so.	381	Dec. 1	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	London	
Moray	7	Leiff	Brit. sh.	1108	Sept. 7	Russell & Co.	San Francisco	
Moneta	7	Bisset	Brit. bge.	621	Aug. 1	Russell & Co.	New York	
Napier	7	Eryds	Brit. bge.	1200	Nov. 10	Messageries Maritimes		Sands' Sigs.
Nardoo	2	Paul	Brit. bge.	379	Nov. 16	Chong Woo		
Niagara	3	Paulsen	Ger. bge.	491	Oct. 11	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	San Francisco	
Nicolaus	3	Stellen	Ger. sch.	167	Oct. 10	Arnold, Karberg & Co.		K'loon Dock
Orion	1	Scott	Brit. bge.	391	Nov. 27	Arnold, Karberg & Co.		
Paralos	2	Passo	Fch. bge.	242	Nov. 23	Carlowitz & Co.		
Pelham	1	ekford	Brit. bge.	234	Dec. 1	Captain	Keelung	Cleared
Prothe	4	Laidman	Brit. bge.	824	Nov. 19	Meyer & Co.		
Sophie	4	Binge	Ger. bg.	210	Nov. 20	Wieler & Co.		Ab'deen Dock
Spartan	2	Vincent	Amer. sch.	690	Sept. 10	Carlowitz & Co.		Sands' Sigs.
Stc. Adresse	2	Leroy	Fch. bge.	432	Nov. 10	Russell & Co.		
Sumatra	3	Ologh	Amer. sh.	1090	Sept. 6	Carlowitz & Co.		
Taiwan	4	Garra	Ger. bge.	873	Nov. 22	Arnold, Karberg & Co.		
Tartar	3	Kaemene	Ger. bg.	256	Oct. 31	Melchers & Co.		
The Oceanic	3	Portkison	Brit. bge.	717	Nov. 6	Jardine, Matheson & Co.		
Theresa & Nelly	3	Garraan	Fch. bge.	359	Nov. 15	Carlowitz & Co.		
Three Brothers	1	Khalcke	Brit. bge.	387	Oct. 19	Chinese		
Varuna	1	Sachau	Ger. bge.	480	Oct. 11	Wieler & Co.		K'loon Dock
Verona	1	Bartlett	Brit. bge.	663	Oct. 2	Arnold, Karberg & Co.		K'loon Dock
Vesta	4	Dirks	Ger. bge.	808	Oct. 2	Melchers & Co.		
CANTON								
Yangtze		Schultz	Brit. str.	783	Dec. 6	Siemssen & Co.	Shanghai	
Yungching		Wallace	Chl. str.	661	Dec. 6	O. M. S. N. Co.	Shanghai	